

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE BUSINESS AND LABOR
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Friday, January 27, 2017 • 2:00 pm • 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Todd Weiler

Members Absent:

Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Staff Present:

Ms. M'kynzi E. Newbold, Policy Analyst
Ms. Karen L. Allred, Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at le.utah.gov.

Chair Bramble called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Hemmert moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-5.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Bramble C, Hemmert D, Ipson D

Absent or not voting were:

Davis G, Mayne K, Okerlund R, Stevenson J, Weiler T

Sen. Hemmert assumed the chair.

1. S.B. 92 Workers' Compensation Fund Revisions (*Bramble, C.*)

Sen. Bramble explained the bill.

Dennis Lloyd, General Counsel, Workers' Compensation Fund spoke in favor of the bill.

Dennis Lloyd distributed a handout, Workers' Compensation Fund Revisions.

Todd Kiser, Commissioner, Utah Insurance Department spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Ipson declared a Conflict of Interest.

Jacson Maughan, Commissioner, Utah Labor Commission spoke to the bill.

Mike Sonntag, American Insurance Association spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to pass S.B. 92 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-3.
Voting in the affirmative were:
Bramble C, Davis G, Hemmert D, Ipson D, Weiler T
Absent or not voting were:
Mayne K, Okerlund R, Stevenson J

Sen. Bramble resumed the chair.

2. S.B. 52 Rental Amendments (*Fillmore, L.*)

Sen. Fillmore explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 52 out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 0-5-3.
Voting in the negative were:
Bramble C, Davis G, Hemmert D, Ipson D, Weiler T
Absent or not voting were:
Mayne K, Okerlund R, Stevenson J

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 5, Lines 132 through 133:*

132 (7) In an action under this chapter, the court { ~~shall~~ may award costs
 and reasonable attorney
133 fees to the prevailing party.

2. *Page 6, Lines 165 through 166:*

165 (5) In an action under this chapter, the court { ~~shall~~ may award costs
 and reasonable attorney
166 fees to the prevailing party.

The motion to amend passed unanimously.

Mike Ostermiller, Apartment Association spoke to the bill.

Attorney Christopher Kyler spoke to the bill.

Steve Ericksson, Crossroads Urban Center spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to pass S.B. 52 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Bramble C, Davis G, Hemmert D, Ipson D, Mayne K, Weiler T

Absent or not voting were:

Okerlund R, Stevenson J

3. S.B. 99 Consumer Protection Action Amendments (*Hemmert, D.*)

Sen. Daniel Hemmert presented the bill with the assistance of David Sonnenmair, Office of the Attorney General.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to pass S.B. 99 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-3.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Bramble C, Hemmert D, Ipson D, Mayne K, Weiler T

Absent or not voting were:

Davis G, Okerlund R, Stevenson J

4. H.B. 38 Statutory Required Reports Amendments (*Peterson, V.*)

Sen. Peterson explained the bill.

Coy D. Porter, Utah State Fire Marshall spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to pass H.B. 38 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-3.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Bramble C, Hemmert D, Ipson D, Mayne K, Weiler T

Absent or not voting were:

Davis G, Okerlund R, Stevenson J

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-3.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Bramble C, Hemmert D, Ipson D, Mayne K, Weiler T

Absent or not voting were:

Davis G, Okerlund R, Stevenson J.

Chair Bramble adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Chair